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## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. MBHB04-183 (400/147))

THE APPLICATION OF:  Richards et al.		)	
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Serial No.	10/798,090	) Examiner:	Bowman, Amy Hudson
Filed:	March 11, 2004	) Group Art Unit:	1635
Title	RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition of Muscarinic Colinergic Receptor Gene Expression Using Short Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA)	) Confirmation ) No.: ) )	6030

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2005. A Petition for a two (2) month extension of time and fee are included herewith. Accordingly a response is timely filed on or before May 15, 2006. No additional fees are thought to be presently due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 15 of this paper.